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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a UTILITY patent application for filing as identified below:

**Inventor(s):** ROSS MICHAEL KRILL

**Title:** AN APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A STREAM OF  
PRESSURIZED SUBSTANTIALLY INERT GAS

**Drawings:** One (1) sheet depicting Fig. 1

Small Entity

Basic Fee ----- \$ 375.00

0 Claims over 20 x \$9.00 ---- \$ 00.00

0 Independent claims over  
3 x \$42.00 ----- \$ 00.00

0 Multiple dependent claims  
\$140.00 ----- \$

**TOTAL FILING FEE \$**

Other

Basic Fee ----- \$740.00

Claims over 20 x \$18.00 ----- \$0.00

Independent claims over  
3 x \$84.00 ----- \$0.00

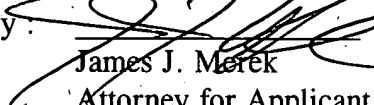
Multiple dependent claims  
\$280.00 ----- \$

**TOTAL FILING FEE \$740.00**

X This patent application is being filed under Rule 53.

Applicant claims priority under 35 USC 120 from U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
09/983,461 filed on October 24, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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